

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) A tank according to claim 32~~claim 1~~, wherein the shell of the tank has no through orifice suitable for enabling a fitting to be inserted into the inside of the tank.
3. (Currently Amended) A tank according to claim 32~~claim 1~~, in which the fuel pump has a body, wherein the shell of the tank has no through orifice of section greater than the section of the fuel pump body.
4. (Currently Amended) A tank according to ~~claim 1~~claim 32, wherein the fuel tank has no through orifice in register with the fuel pump.
5. (Currently Amended) A tank according to ~~claim 1~~claim 32, including at least one fitting such as a fuel gauge fixed to the inside surface of the tank and separate from said fuel pump.
6. (Currently Amended) A tank according to ~~claim 1~~claim 32, wherein the compartment is placed at a low point of the tank, wherein one of the tank portions includes a filler tube having an end through which the fuel leaves positioned in such a manner that, during filling, the fuel drops in the compartment.
- 7-8. (Canceled)
9. (Currently Amended) A tank according to ~~claim 1~~claim 32, including support means for supporting the pump and to avoid transmitting vibration from the pump to the tank.
10. (Canceled)
11. (Currently Amended) A tank according to ~~claim 1~~claim 32, wherein the two tank portions are made by injection molding a thermoplastic material.

12. (Currently Amended) A tank according to ~~claim 1~~claim 32, wherein at least one of the tank portions has fixing means for enabling a fitting to be fixed inside the tank, said fixing means being integrally molded out of the same material as said at least one tank portion.

13-19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A tank according to ~~claim 1~~claim 32, wherein a bottom portion of the tank includes a housing defined by a wall integrally molded out of the same material as said bottom portion, and configured for receiving a fuel filter.

21. (Currently Amended) A tank according to ~~claim 1~~claim 32, wherein a top portion of the tank includes a housing defined by a wall integrally molded out of the same material as said top portion, for receiving a canister.

22-25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) A tank according to ~~claim 1~~claim 32, wherein the tank portions are assembled together by at least one of adhesive or by heat-sealing.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~claim 27~~claim 34, wherein the two tank portions are made by injection molding a thermoplastic material.

29-31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) A fuel tank comprising:
an exterior shell formed by at least an upper and lower tank portion assembled together, and made of molded plastics material, the lower tank portion comprising a compartment, the compartment being monolithically molded with the lower tank portion, and
a fuel pump including a fuel pump housing, the fuel pump and fuel pump housing located entirely within the shell and fixed into the monolithically molded compartment,

wherein the monolithically molded compartment is placed at a low point of the tank, the upper tank portion includes a filler tube having an end positioned in such a manner that, during filling, the fuel drops from the filler tube into the monolithically molded compartment.

33. (Previously Presented) The fuel tank of claim 32, wherein the shape of the monolithically molded compartment is configured such that, when a remainder of the tank is empty, an amount of fuel may remain within the monolithically molded compartment sufficient to prime the fuel pump.

34. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a fuel tank, the method comprising the following steps:

a) making at least an upper and lower tank portion out of plastic material by molding, the lower tank portion comprising a compartment, the compartment being monolithic with the lower tank portion;

b) fixing a fuel pump into the monolithic compartment, the fuel pump including a fuel pump housing; and

c) assembling at least the upper and lower tank portions together in order to form an exterior shell, said fuel pump and fuel pump housing being located entirely within the shell,

wherein the monolithic compartment is placed at a low point of the tank, the upper tank portion includes a filler tube having an end positioned in such a manner that, during filling, the fuel drops from the filler tube into the monolithically molded compartment.

35. (New) A fuel tank comprising:

an exterior shell formed by at least an upper and lower tank portion assembled together, and made of molded plastics material, the lower tank portion comprising a compartment, the compartment being monolithically molded with the lower tank portion,

a fuel pump including a fuel pump housing, the fuel pump and fuel pump housing located entirely within the shell and fixed into the monolithically molded compartment, and

a central portion configured to receive the pump, and fins attached to the central portion and configured to be fixed to a wall of said compartment,

wherein the monolithically molded compartment is placed at a low point of the tank, the upper tank portion includes a filler tube having an end positioned in such a manner that, during filling, the fuel drops from the filler tube into the monolithically molded compartment.

36. (New) A tank according to claim 35, wherein the shell of the tank has no through orifice suitable for enabling a fitting to be inserted into the inside of the tank.

37. (New) A tank according to claim 35, in which the fuel pump has a body, wherein the shell of the tank has no through orifice of section greater than the section of the fuel pump body.

38. (New) A tank according to claim 35, wherein the fuel tank has no through orifice in register with the fuel pump.

39. (New) A tank according to claim 35, including at least one fitting such as a fuel gauge fixed to the inside surface of the tank and separate from said fuel pump.

40. (New) A tank according to claim 35, including support means for supporting the pump and to avoid transmitting vibration from the pump to the tank.

41. (New) A tank according to claim 35, wherein at least one of the tank portions has fixing means for enabling a fitting to be fixed inside the tank, said fixing means being integrally molded out of the same material as said at least one tank portion.

42. (New) A tank according to claim 35, wherein one of the tank portions substantially forms a bottom half while the other substantially forms a top half.

43. (New) A tank according to claim 35, wherein a bottom portion of the tank includes a housing defined by a wall integrally molded out of the same material as said bottom portion, and configured for receiving a fuel filter.

44. (New) A tank according to claim 35, wherein a top portion of the tank includes a housing defined by a wall integrally molded out of the same material as said top portion, for receiving a canister.

45. (New) A tank according to claim 35, wherein an inside surface of the tank includes substantially vertical ribs.

46. (New) A tank according to claim 35, wherein at least one rib has a passage passing through its base to allow fuel to flow therethrough.

47. (New) A tank according to claim 35, including a fuel gauge fixed to an inside surface of the tank.

48. (New) A tank according to claim 35, including a pressure regulator fixed to the inside surface of the tank close to a low point.

49. (New) A tank according to claim 35, wherein the tank portions are assembled together by at least one of adhesive or by heat-sealing.

50. (New) The fuel tank of claim 35, wherein the shape of the monolithically molded compartment is configured such that, when a remainder of the tank is empty, an amount of fuel may remain within the monolithically molded compartment sufficient to prime the fuel pump.